

METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING VALUE-ADDED SERVICES**Abstract of the Invention**

A system and method is disclosed for providing confirmation relating to the distribution of a mailpiece within an international mailing system. The invention includes a determination of postal data required for performing value-added services desired for the mailpiece. The value-added services data includes addressing information for a return receipt from an intended mailpiece recipient through a final handling postal authority and a first postal authority to the original mailer. A machine readable mark is created which includes return data and value-added services data. During the delivery process, the value-added service is captured by the final handling postal authority, the mailpiece is delivered to the intended recipient, the value-added service is performed, and the data related to the delivery is captured by the final handling postal authority. The final handling postal authority then transmits this information to the first handling postal authority who then communicates the information to the original mailer. The invention is practiced such that the identity of the mailer is disclosed only to the original postal authority and not to subsequent handling postal authorities.